

# Dam-induced flood kills 6 in Niger

From Ayegba Israel Ebije, Minna

FLOOD caused by dam overflow has within the past few days, led to the death of six persons while property worth millions of naira have been lost in Muregi, Mokwa Local Government Area of Niger State.

The affected area which has witnessed dam related floods over the years, was run-over by flood as farm lands and dwelling places of the villagers were submerged, destroying food crops and killing several domestic animals.

People living in the area have

fled as they have lost their homes, farmlands and food stuff.

The state Deputy Governor, Alhaji Ahmed Musa Ibeto, confirming the death toll, told journalists yesterday in Minna that at least five villages were affected. He said Muregi, Sonlafi, Jiffu, Gbogifu, Lenfa-Kuso Ketso

and Dutsun, all in Mokwa were washed off by flood.

The deputy governor said government had intervened in the issue, adding that discussion was already on with the traditional rulers to evacuate the communities under threat.

He said the government plans

to temporarily set up a resettlement base for the communities because of the frequency of flood to avoid further loss of lives and property.

He hinted that plans are on to resettle the villages along the flood plains in Jebba, Shiroro and Kainji.

## Emir of Lafia's daughter kidnapped

From Hir Joseph, Lafia

THE palace of the Emir of Lafia

emirate's secretary, Hudu Aliyu Mailafiya, who spoke to *Daily Trust* on phone yesterday, was

motorcycle headed in a different direction and she ended up somewhere else", he said. He disclosed

"She used a number that was hidden. Before her friend could ask about the direction she was

to the police and all relevant security agencies.

The police in Lafia yesterday said it was on top of the situation.